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1. This communication is responsive to <u>Amendment filed on 2</u>	1 October 2004.		
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6 and 13-20.			
3. The drawings filed on 27 July 2001 are accepted by the Exa	miner.		
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The affidavit filed on 21 October 2004 under 37 CFR 1.131 is sufficient to overcome the Hayashi et al. (US 6,661,563) reference.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Duan Wu on 10 December 2004.

Cancel claims 7-12.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 3. Claims 1-6 and 13-20 are allowed.
- 4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: no prior art has been found by the examiner that suggested a modification or a combination with the prior art of record so as to arrive to a combination of the limitations of independent claim 1; none of the prior art, either singularly or in combination, teach or fairly suggest a mounted electrophoretic display assembly, comprising a flexible substrate; an electrical connection formed on the flexible substrate and having first and second contact pads spaced from one another; an electrophoretic display element capable of flexing without substantial detriment to its optical performance, the display element being in electrical communication with the first contact pad; and a control circuit in electrical communication with the second contact pad for controlling how the display element

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is addressed through the electrical connections the control circuit being co-located with and spaced away from the display element on the flexible substrate such that the display assembly is capable of flexing without substantial detriment to its optical performance.

Atsushi, JP 2001-109407, discloses a subject matter very similar to that of the invention, but does not amount to a prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander Eisen whose telephone number is (703) 306-2988. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin Shalwala can be reached on (703) 305-4938. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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